BEFORE THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings Stella B. Werner Council Office Building 100 Maryland Avenue Rockville, Maryland 20850 (240) 777-6660

ROBERT GREENFIELD,	*	
,	*	
Complainant,	*	
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v.	*	OZAH No. HR-17-01
	*	(OHR No. REH-04487)
CASTLE GATE TOWNHOUSE ASS'N, INC.,	*	
, ,	*	
and	*	
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ABARIS REALTY, INC.	*	
,	*	
Respondents.	*	
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HEARING EXAMINER REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that the Commission dismiss this case as moot. On September 29, 2017, the parties filed a joint statement that their dispute had been settled and that the complainant had agreed to dismiss his complaint with prejudice. Docket no. 27.

Over a decade ago, Dr. Greenfield filed a housing discrimination complaint that the two respondents had discriminated against him because of the national origin of family members. The Commission referred his case to the Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings (OZAH) for a hearing last December. See docket nos. 6, 7,8. In April of this year, I denied complainant's motion to amend his complaint and respondents' motion to dismiss the complaint against Castle Gate, one of the respondents. See docket no. 22. In the same Order I granted respondents' motion to dismiss the complaint against the other respondent, Abaris Realty, subject to ultimate review by the Commission. A separate order in April gave the remaining parties ninety days for discovery, until August 7. Docket no. 21. The parties filed no motions during the discovery period.

On August 29, OZAH docketed an August 22 letter from counsel for respondents stating that settlement was imminent. Docket no. 24. Nothing more was filed for over a month from the date of the letter. After some prodding (docket nos. 25, 26), the parties filed their joint statement earlier this week.

CONCLUSION

In light of the parties' joint statement, the case should be dismissed as moot.

Respectfully submitted.

Lutz Alexander Prager Hearing Examiner

Dated: October 5, 2017

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